

## 2010 United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Proof Set™ Available May 13

First five quarters in America the Beautiful Quarters™ Program available in one set

WASHINGTON - The United States Mint today announced the release of the 2010 United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Proof Set™ on May 13 at noon Eastern Time (ET). The set contains proof versions of the first five coins in the new America the Beautiful Quarters Program bearing reverse (tails side) designs honoring **Hot Springs National Park** in Arkansas; **Yellowstone National Park** in Wyoming; **Yosemite National Park** in California; **Grand Canyon National Park** in Arizona; and **Mount Hood National Forest** in Oregon. A restored version of the 1932 John Flanagan portrait of George Washington is featured on the coins' obverse (heads side).

United States Mint proof coins are manufactured at the United States Mint at San Francisco. Unlike coins produced for general circulation, these coins are extraordinarily brilliant, with sharp relief and a mirror-like background. A frosted, sculpted foreground gives proof coins a cameo effect. To protect their pristine finish, the coins of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Proof Set are sealed in a protective lens. The set includes a Certificate of Authenticity signed by the Director of the United States Mint.

The 2010 United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Proof Set is priced at \$14.95. Orders for the set will be accepted at the secure Web site, <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>, or at the toll-free number, 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). Hearing- and speech-impaired customers may order by calling 1-888-321-MINT (6468). All domestic orders will be accessed a \$4.95 shipping and handling fee.

Customers who want to receive automatic shipments of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Proof Set each year may enroll in the Online Subscription Program. To learn more about this convenient shopping method, please visit <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>.

The United States Mint, created by Congress in 1792, is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage. Its primary mission is to produce an adequate volume of circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

*Note: To ensure that all members of the public have fair and equal access to United States Mint products, orders placed prior to the official on-sale date and time of May 13, 2010, noon ET, shall not be deemed accepted by the United States Mint and will not be honored. For more information, please review the United States Mint's Frequently Asked Questions, Answer ID #175.*

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